

Employee Housing Regulations

Article 6.

Subarticle 2. Building and Structure Requirements

§ 708. Employee Community Housing

Except as amended by a local government, employee community housing shall be subject to the State Housing Law.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5, 17040 and 17050, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 710. Maintenance

All labor camp buildings, structures, or other housing accommodations and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards which were required in a building or structure when erected, altered, or repaired shall be maintained in good working order.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5, 17040 and 17050, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 17040 and 17050, Health and Safety Code.

§ 712. Buildings Identified

All buildings and other housing accommodations used for habitation in a labor camp shall be numbered or designated by street numbers or other suitable means of identification. The identification shall be in a conspicuous location facing the street or driveway and shall be in letters or numbers at least 3 inches (7.6 centimeters) high.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 722. Exits

The exit facilities for all buildings or portions thereof in labor camps shall be maintained clear and unobstructed at all times.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 724. Floor Area

The rooms or areas used for sleeping purposes for more than one person shall be maintained with a floor area of not less than fifty (50) square feet (4.5 square meters) for each occupant and a minimum average ceiling height of not less than seven feet (2.1 meters).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 728. Insect Screening

(a) All openable windows in rooms used for living, dining, cooking, and sleeping purposes, and bathing and toilet facilities shall be properly maintained with insect screening.

(b) All exterior door openings of rooms used for living, dining, cooking, and sleeping purposes, and bathing and toilet facilities shall be properly maintained with insect screen doors or with solid wood doors, and self-closing devices on such doors shall be maintained to function properly.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

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§ 730. Sleeping Rooms

The sleeping rooms shall be provided for all occupants; provided, however, that where occupants furnish their own camping equipment, mobilehomes, or recreational vehicles, the operator shall provide an approved site, sanitary, utility and/or cooking facilities as required by this subchapter for the use of such occupants.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 732. Beds and Bedding

(a) Beds. Suitable and separate beds shall be maintained for all occupants. Such beds shall be made of steel, canvas or other material acceptable to the enforcement agency and shall be so constructed as to afford reasonable comfort to the occupants. Such beds shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, but need not be maintained in an unoccupied labor camp.

(b) Bedding. An occupant, upon his or her request, shall be supplied with a mattress or some equally comfortable bedding for which a reasonable charge, deductible from wages, may be made. Such bedding shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

(c) Bed Separation.

(1) Every bed shall have a clear space of at least ten inches (25.4 centimeters) from the floor to the underside of the bed.

(2) A clear space of at least thirty inches (76.2 centimeters) extending from the floor to the ceiling or roof of any sleeping place shall be maintained horizontally between each bed therein.

(3) At least four feet (121.9 centimeters) of clear space shall be maintained horizontally between each set of double deck beds having one tier above the other.

(4) There shall be not more than two tiers of beds, one above the other. There shall be a clear vertical space of 30 inches (76.2 centimeters) maintained between the upper and lower bed.

(d) Bed Use. The beds located closer than required separations shall be maintained to be separated by a solid partition with a minimum of 10 inches (25.4 centimeters) clearance from the floor, 18 inches (45.7 centimeters) below the ceiling, and 24 inches (60.9 centimeters) above the topmost bed.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 734. Prohibited Room Use

Kitchens and mess halls shall not be used for sleeping purposes.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.